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1. In May 1952, [redacted] group of Bulgarians and two Soviet engineers test drilling near Konaki Dol, which is three kilometers south of Madan. Thus far the drillers have found copper and allegedly also pyrites, tin, silver, and some gold. [redacted] test drilling for ore was being done near Smirnenski (N 42-50, E 25-18), Gabrovo Okoliya. 25X1

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2. There are many unemployed in Gabrovo, and factories have long lists of applicants who sometimes have to wait several months for a job opening. Those who have work receive 15-18 leva per day, which is little more than enough for food. They must economize for months to buy a suit. Prices on suits run from 250-350 leva for the poorest-quality garment to 450-500 for an average suit. Specialists in factories who are in charge of a brigade of 20 workers receive 600 leva per month. A Communist factory director receives 1,500 leva plus bonuses each month, 25X1

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